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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For

: POISON/ANTIDOTE GENETIC SYSTEMS FOR THE SELECTION

OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED

EUCARYOTE CELLS OR

ORGANISMS

Examiner · Kevin Kai Hill

Group Art Unit : 1633

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement issued March 29, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 15-24 and 26-28) without traverse. Applicants also make the following provisional elections with traverse: (1) "does not comprise a selectable marker," (2) "wherein the genetic sequence encoding the antidote is not added to the construct," (3) "ccdB," (4) "yeast cell," (5) "an exogenous compound," (6) "chloroplast," and (7) "two different toxic genes." Applicants request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.